

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title as follows:

Improvements in ~~or Relating to~~ Packet Switches Switching

Page 1, before the second full paragraph insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, before the second full paragraph insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, replace the paragraph at lines 10-12 with the following new paragraph and heading:

Other objects, advantages and novel features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description of the invention when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, amend the paragraph at lines 13 as follows:

~~Figure 1 illustrates~~ Figures 1a and 1b illustrate multicast ingress rate resolution; and

Page 5, before the paragraph at line 15, insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 11, after the second full paragraph add the following new paragraph:

The foregoing disclosure has been set forth merely to illustrate the invention and is not intended to be limiting. Since modifications of the disclosed embodiments incorporating the spirit and substance of the invention may occur to persons skilled in the art, the invention should be construed to include everything within the scope of the appended claims and equivalents thereof.